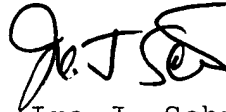


REMARKS

The claims have been amended to delete all multiple dependencies.

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## APPENDIX

### IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Amended) Method [for filling] of conditioning a filling compound based on synthetic resin [basis] while it is being filled into [the] a cavity of a tooth, characterised in that the filling compound is subjected to the action of a sound, especially ultrasound, during the filling process.

5. (Amended) The hand-held device as defined in Claim 3 [or Claim 4], characterised in that the supply container (9) sits exchangeably in a holder (2) and that the sound generator (13) is coupled to the holder (2) in oscillation-transmitting fashion.

6. (Amended) The hand-held device as defined in [any of Claims 3 to 5] Claim 3, characterised in that the sound generator (13) comprises a piezoelectric oscillator.

7. (Amended) The hand-held device as defined in [any of Claims 3 to 5] Claim 3, characterised in that the sound generator (13) comprises a magnetostrictive oscillator.

8. (Amended) The hand-held device as defined in [any of Claims 3 to 5] Claim 3, characterised in that the sound generator comprises a pneumatically excited oscillator.

9. (Amended) The hand-held device as defined in [any of Claims 3 to 8] Claim 3, characterised in that a common actuating element (4) is provided for the sound generator (13)

and the conveying means (4, 5, 6).

10. (Amended) The hand-held device as defined in [any of Claims 3 to 9] Claim 3, characterised in that it is configured in the way of a spray gun.

11. (Amended) The hand-held device as defined in [any of Claims 3 to 9] Claim 3, characterised in that it is configured in the way of a dentist's handpiece.

12. (Amended) The hand-held device as defined in Claim 10 [or Claim 11], characterised in that it comprises a lever or a push button as actuating element (4).